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# Public Private Partnerships Lessons Learned

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## **States with Public-Private Partnerships**

State	Year Created
Utah	1987
Wyoming	1988
Rhode Island	1995
Virginia	1995
Florida	1996
Michigan	1999
Indiana	2005
Missouri	2007
Arizona	2011
Iowa	2011
Ohio	2011
Wisconsin	2011

# 3 Basic Types

Public Agency

Majority of States

Mission Focused P3s

Virginia
Economic
Development
Corporation

Missouri Partnership Broad Mandate P3s

> Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

#### **Mixed Results**

- No conclusive studies show that public-private partnerships are more or less effective than a public agency
  - Limited track record in other states
  - Variety of models with different track records
  - Depends of definition of success

### **Potential Pitfalls**

- Conflicts of Interest
- Lack of Transparency
- Limited Private Sector Investment
- Growing Pains
- Lack of Performance Evaluation

## **Conflicts of Interest**

- Insulate incentive decisions
  - Keep final incentive decisions within public agencies
  - Prohibit fundraising staff/leadership from making incentive decisions
  - Target fundraising at businesses unlikely to apply for discretionary incentives or government contracts
- Insulate use of public funds
  - Specify possible uses for public funds
  - Require competitive bids for all procurement
- Rigorous ethics requirements
  - Subject board/staff to State ethics laws
  - Require Statement of Economic Interest for P3 board/staff

# **Transparency**

- Subject board deliberations to open meeting/record laws
  - Negotiations with prospects often must be kept confidential
- Make records public
  - Publish all private sector donors
  - Publish terms of finalized location deals
  - Public detailed annual report
- Require independent audits

#### **Private Sector Donations**

- Study potential for sustainable private sector fundraising
- Develop budget for core duties that does not rely on private sector funds

# **Growing Pains**

- Clearly define core mission
- Set reasonable timetable for implementation

# **Measuring Results**

- Study performance under existing Department of Commerce
  - Identify key problems
  - Set measurable goals
  - Require regular reports on measurable results
- Require external performance review

### **Common Performance Metrics**

#### General

Jobs announced and created

Jobs in distressed areas

New payroll

Capital investment

#### Marketing

Percentage of leads generated by marketing

Mentions in print, broadcast, and online media

Number of business ambassadors

#### Attraction

Incentive cost per job

Time to positive ROI for State

Percentage of leads generated by staff

Response time to inquiries and RFPs

# Retention and Expansion

Jobs created

Job losses avoided

Number of businesses contacted/assisted